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Title: Need to fill up the vacant posts of teachers in the schools under the control of Cantonment Board, Chennai.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, St. Thomas Mount Cantonment Board is currently running two high schools in which about 2000 students are studying including 1000 girl students. The quality of education in these schools is in doldrums since 20 posts of teachers are vacant for nearly a decade. Neither the Cantonment Board nor the State Government is interested in filling up the vacancies of teachers which has put a question mark on the education of those children.

If one goes back into the history, in 2001, the then CEO of the Cantonment Board had appointed seven teachers in violation of the guidelines of the Government of Tamil Nadu, which is the funding agency. Due to this reason, the State Government did not approve those irregular appointments and stopped paying them. Since then the Cantonment Board started paying their salaries amounting to more than one crore rupees. Due to this conflict between the Cantonment Board and the Government of Tamil Nadu, the children who are studying in these schools are suffering a lot and they do not have teachers to teach.

Under these circumstances, I would request the hon. Union Minister of Defence to come to the rescue of those children by settling the issue amicably.